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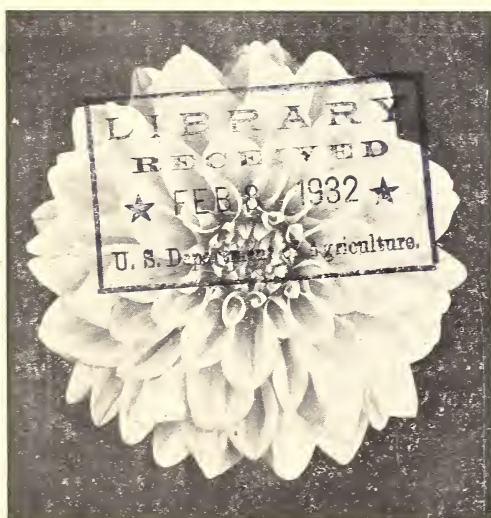


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*Cliftondale*  
*Dahlia Gardens*

ON THE  
NEWBURYPORT TURNPIKE  
CORNER OF ESSEX STREET



*"Field Grown Bulbs"*

F. C. PERKINS  
99 Vine Street, Cliftondale, Mass.

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"SEEING IS BELIEVING"

# GROWING THE DAHLIA

Plant the bulbs any time between May 1st and June 21st. Plant them about four inches deep horizontally. Sandy soil is the best for dahlias. Manure should be spread upon your land in the fall and plowed in. I have found that a mixture of cow manure and horse manure makes an excellent fertilizer. Cultivate the soil at least once a week, twice is better. When the plants begin to bud spread on a little good commercial fertilizer. Water once a week and be sure to soak the soil thoroughly as a little water on the top does more harm than good.

## ABBREVIATIONS

C., Signifies Cactus; D. or Dec., Decorative; H. C., Hybrid Cactus; P., Peony; D. P., Decorative Peony; S., Show.

Tubers

**AIBONITA.** D. An immense flower of a lavender or violet pink, shading to white, with a rich golden yellow at the center. The long graceful stems hold the huge blossoms high above the foliage..\$ .50

**ALEXANDER POPE.** A giant hybrid cactus with a long stem. Color is a beautiful shade of crimson. Reverse of petals magenta. The petals have a metallic lustre and twist, showing reverse. Center is almost black. A very deep flower, often six inches .....\$1.00

**ALEX WALDIE.** D. A creamy ground overlaid with delicate salmon pink. One of the most beautiful of Dahlias .....\$ .75

**ANDREAS HOFER.** An imported variety of much merit. This is one of the most beautiful Dahlias we have had the pleasure of growing. It has been a prize winner wherever exhibited the past season, for the best vase or basket in show. It won at the Boston Dahlia Show for the best basket, and it had plenty of competition. Color is a glowing light pink, with a salmon-rose suffusion. Cactus in form, the beautiful blossoms are held erect on long, strong, upright stems. This wonderful novelty is recommended for all purposes. Tubers .....\$1.00

**AMUN RA** (Seal). Dec. This wonderful variety was introduced in 1922 and is declared to be the greatest Dahlia of the age. It won more first prizes last season than any other new introduction. From East, West, North, South, wherever it was grown, nothing but the most enthusiastic reports have been received from the growers. The flowers are of mammoth size, borne on long stiff stems, and the color is of that entrancing shade of glorified coppery bronze, that instantly attracts and holds the attention of all who see it. The plant is unusually strong and healthy. A sure producer of good tubers .....\$ .50

**BEAU BRUMMEL.** A flower of royal purple, which does not fade nor burn on the hottest day. Stands erect on an incomparable stem. Grows on low spreading bushes. Produces the entire season a super-abundance of very big, deep blossoms. An all around, excellent Dahlia of a rare color and can be recommended for any purpose..\$1.00

**BEN WILSON.** Dec. This is one of the best Dahlias we grow in our garden. It is a fine exhibition flower, also good for cutting. Color, orange red, tipped with gold .....\$1.50

**BLUE BIRD** (Bessie Boston). An exceptional color of the deepest tone of lilac, which in certain lights has a bluish sheen. Simply huge blossom held on stems long and as stiff as bamboo. The bushes are always laden with blooms .....\$ .75

- CHARLES STRATTON.** A wonderful exhibition variety. Fluffy formation of a beautiful blending of pale gold to old rose on outer petals, very stiff upright stems. This Dahlia has been awarded 16 prizes in New Jersey, for size and artistic coloring. It is a profuse bloomer .....\$1.00
- CHESLEY PERKINS** (F. C. Perkins). A heavy full bloom on long erect stems, throwing blooms well above the foliage. Bushes five to six feet tall with extra large dark green foliage; very free bloomer. Unique coloring with scarlet face and reverse of petals shading from lemon chrome to pale scarlet at the tips of petals. Heavy cluster of petals around center showing orange chrome coloring. Awarded "Certificate of Merit" at California Trial Gardens, 1926 .....\$3.00
- CLARA FINGER.** Dec. Large yellow flower, one of the very largest yellows, very much admired.\$1.00
- COUNTESS OF CLAVERLY, H. C.** Size, 6 to 11 inches; stem, strong, cane-like, and long; color, wonderful La France-pink shading to geranium-pink; foliage, medium green, vigorous, large. Fine exhibition and cut-flower, flowering very freely. Tubers .....\$5.00
- EDITH SLOCOMBE** (Slocombe). H. C. A wonderful shade of rich fuschia garnet or shaded velvet maroon; a most striking flower .....\$1.00
- EDNA FERBER.** H. C. This Dahlia is one of Fisher & Masson's fine hybrid cactus introductions. It was awarded "Certificate of Merit," Dahlia Society of New Jersey. Stems excellent, coloring glistening coral, shading to old gold at base of petals. The growing habit and foliage are excellent .....\$2.00
- EL DORADO, D.** An immense flower of vivid gold great substance, long rigid stem and good keeper.\$1.50
- FAITH GARABALDI.** Superb rose pink decorative. Great depth as well as large size, and is held up straight on a long, stiff stalk. Several splendid flowers on each bush. Begins blooming about the middle of August and continues until the frost. Does not require heavy disbudding for immense blooms. Blossoms last nearly a week in the house .....\$1.00
- FORT MONMOUTH** (Kemp, 1928). H. C. This great hybrid cactus dahlia emerged from the show rooms season of 1929 with more sweepstakes and class prizes to its credit than any other dahlia. One of the giants of the dahlia world that stood almost alone in the H. C. section, winning in practically every H. C. class in which it was entered and many times winner in the classes for the largest bloom in the show. The largest bloom of the year was exhibited at Englewood, N. J. it being 15½ inches in diameter and over 6 inches in depth. This giant bloom won over two others of the same variety, they being 14½ and 15 inches in diameter.
- The predominating color of this Giant H. C. is a rich wine red, with an under tone of brilliant crimson maroon, tips of petals carrying a slight bluish violet tone, which greatly enhances the beauty of the flower. Flowers are well formed, full centered, of true H. C. type, and are held high above the foliage on stiff stems and look you right in the face. Does not burn, and is a splendid keeper both on the plant and when cut. Plant is a strong healthy grower, attaining to a height of 7 to 8 feet. Foliage dark green, and to date has never suffered from attack of leaf hoppers. Prolific bloomer from early to late, and it is no uncommon thing to see five to six giant blooms on a plant at a time. The greatest H. C. dahlia ever originated, and is practically unbeatable in the show room. Tubers .....\$5.00

- GEORGE WALTERS** (Carter). H. C. Always among the prize winners; lovely coloring, pinkish salmon shading to yellow base .....\$ .50
- GOLDEN QUEEN** (F. C. Perkins), Dec. Color a light gold, a very free bloomer and a good cut flower, never showing an open centre. The bushes are of medium size, the blooms are about seven inches with long wiry stem .....\$3.00
- HARLAN** (Murphy). Dec. Very large, round, yellow Dahlia of good substance, good stems and a wonderful garden flower, as it blossoms freely the entire season .....\$1.00
- IDA PERKINS** (F. C. Perkins). D. This introduction of ours won the Garden and Home Builders Achievement Medal at the New England Dahlia Society show at Boston in 1927. This clear white Decorative has very great substance, is a finely formed flower of heavy texture, early and profuse bloomer, and as clean a grower as you will find in any garden. A grand exhibition flower because of its wonderful size and strong stiff stems See cut on cover.....\$2.00
- JANE COWL**, D. Deep, massive blooms of bronzy buff and old gold, blending darker toward the perfect center. Broad petals with just enough twist to add the refinement so often lacking in the largest Dahlias. A stem of unusual strength holds this giant decorative over a bush of ideal growth; while the foliage is the thick leathery kind that insects seldom bother. This Dahlia was the sensation seedling of the American Dahlia's Society's New York Show in 1927. At this show it won first as the best undisseminated decorative seedling and also the Sweepstakes Medal of the Garden and Home Builder. It was awarded a Certificate of Merit at Storrs, and we are told that no seedling there elicited more favorable comment .....\$3.00
- JERSEY BEACON**, D. (Waite). Color is a Chinese scarlet red, reverse is paler; foliage, growing habit and stems perfect. We have stated in other years that we believe it one of Mr. Waite's most popular introductions and are still of the same opinion. In the 1927 Shows it was much in evidence, winning many prizes .....\$1.50
- JERSEY BEAUTY**. D. A perfect bloom of erosine pink, carried high above the foliage on long, stiff stems, a perfect pink; wonderful keeper when cut; therefore, a good exhibition or commercial variety .....\$ .75
- JERSEY'S GLORY**. A magnificent bloom, both in color and form. Color is a sparkling orange intermingled with yellow. Huge flowers of perfect outline held on long rigid stems. Vigorous habit of growth. Tubers .....\$6.00
- JUDGE ALTON B. PARKER** (Marean). Dec. Golden buff, very large and firm; a splendid variety, that will become a great favorite with lovers of Dahlias .....\$ .50
- KENTUCKY** (Wigginton). D. A wonderful new shade unlike anything we have ever seen makes this dahlia the most beautiful of all our collection. It is a sport of Jersey's Beauty and of course has all its habits with the exception it does not blight or stunt. We have tested it for years and its color has never varied a single time. A brilliant light salmon-orange shading to orange yellow at base and deepening to grenadine pink on outer petals. We had thought the parent of this new dahlia the best in cultivation. Now we know there is a better one in Kentucky. As we are



writing this description we have before us a dozen blossoms of this season's novelties, and we honestly believe none of them will compare with it. The flower is larger than that of the parent. As growers of high grade dahlias we offer you Kentucky knowing that we are giving you a real dahlia in every respect. Tubers .....\$8.00

**KOH-I-NOOR** (Bessie Boston). Maroon, and at times so dark as to be nearly black. Perfect type of hybrid cactus, as the petals roll closely and run to a point at the tip. The flower texture has a pronounced velvety sheen which adds greatly to its beauty. Blossoms are very large and deep, and can be grown for the largest flower in the show. Center perfect throughout the season. Stem as stiff as a cane. Blooms abundantly at all times. The very dark green foliage on the tall growing bushes is a pleasing contrast to the rich colored blooms .....\$1.00

**LADY DOROTHY.** D. Large orange flower with lavender sheen; grand Dahlia for all purposes..\$ .75

**LE GRAND MANITOU** (Charmet). White ground striped and speckled violet; blooms freely on long erect stems. One of the most popular Dahlias..\$ .25

**MARGARET WOODROW WILSON, D.** An exhibition type, large blooms and deep as well as profuse bloomer. The color is an opalescent pink. Scored 86 at Jersey Trial Grounds. Strong stems, foliage seems to be pest proof and height is medium .....\$1.50

**MARMION D.** (Mastick). A most popular and one of our best Dahlias today. Blooms are very large and have great depth, immediately attracts your attention in the garden, in the field or on the exhibition table. Color is a pure golden yellow suffused bronze, petals long and wavy, form, stem and foliage perfect. Scored 90 at Northwest Trial Gardens. We highly recommend it .....\$1.50

**MARJORIE HENNESSEY.** (Seal) An exceptionally lovely dahlia with every good quality. The blooms are large, of most perfect formation, and are carried on extra long, stiff, stems high above a tall growing bush. The color is most attractive—Amber, heavily, suffused rose, lightening toward the center to a true amber. The tips of the unfolded petals are of a deep rose pink, producing a very beautiful effect .....\$2.00

**MARY CURTIN** (Murphy). Dec. Peony. This is one of the richest colored flowers we have in our garden. Was introduced by Mr. Thomas J. Murphy of Peabody, Mass. A brilliant crimson with each petal tipped pure white, the color combination staying the same throughout the season. Flowers are large, of great substance and beauty. Splendid keeper; strong, stout stems. A very attractive variety for both exhibition and garden..\$1.50

**MILLIONAIRE** (Stillman). One of the largest Dahlias in cultivation. The color is lavender, shading to white; the flower is perfect in form..\$ .50

**MORDELLA.** D. A large flower, on an excellent stem, growing well out of the foliage. Undoubtedly it is the purest color of any of the autumn shades .....\$1.00

**MRS. CARL SELBACH** (Selbach). Dec. A California variety of exceptional merit, which has won first prizes throughout the country. Color, a very attractive shade of lavender pink; large blooms, perfect form, long stiff stems, well above the foliage .....\$ .50

**MRS. I. DE VER WARNER** (Marean) P. D. Without a doubt this variety represents the highest type of perfection in the modern Dahlia; and is unquestionably one of the finest varieties ever introduced. Its size is impressive, both in flowers and stems. In color, it is a deep mauve pink; some might describe it as a catleya color. Unequalled for exhibition or for a garden .....\$ .50

**MRS. W. D'ARCY RYAN** (Bessie Boston). A lovely autumn-tinted decorative. What color is it exactly? This is rather hard to answer, as the bushes bear blossoms of gleaming old gold and also copper-colored ones. Flowers are large and regularly formed and hold their heads up proudly in perfectly stiff stalks .....\$ .50

**MY MARYLAND.** H. C. (Downs.) A beautiful hybrid-cactus of unusually delicate pink with the faintest suggestion of lavender. The petals twist in an attractive manner. The flower is large, carried on an excellent stem, plant tall and vigorous with thick foliage. Awarded first prize in the undisseminated seedling class at the Atlantic City Show 1927, where it also won the Garden and Home Builder achievement medal. Also, first prize at A. D. S. Show in New York 1927 for the best undisseminated hybrid cactus. Certificate of Merit A. D. S. at Storrs 1927.  
Tubers.....\$5.00

**N. C. 4.** P. The florets are more or less striped the whole length with yellow and white, while some are slightly clouded with yellow and tipped with light cream. The reverse side of petals is white with yellow shadings .....\$1.00

**OUR COUNTRY** (Stillman). Dec. Tuber Plant. This wonderful Dahlia is very deep, large flower of purple, heavily tipped white, entirely different in color from any in the garden .....\$1.00

**PERELLI** (Bessie Boston). A fine decorative dahlia; bright rose-pink shading lavender. Petals long, fairly flat but regularly placed. Of medium height, proflic. Good stems .....\$1.50

**POLARIS.** Flowers of immense size and perfect form, held above the foliage on strong stems: habit of plant is rather dwarf and strong and vigorous; a flower with every good quality. Color pure white .....\$ .75

**POLAR STAR.** Dec. A pure white of remarkable beauty. Flowers large and full; very free bloomer; good stems and extra fine for cutting ....\$ .50

**PRIDE OF CALIFORNIA** (Lohrman). This is a good red decorative for all purposes. It has size, stem and splendid keeping qualities when cut..\$ .25

**ROBERT TREAT.** D. One of the most attractive Dahlias in our garden, color of the American Beauty rose, large size on stiff stems .....\$1.00

**ROSA NELL** (Broomall). Dec. The color is a clear bright rose; flowers are large, coming perfectly full and double until frost; good stems and habit; free bloomer and attracts immediate attention .....\$ .75

**SALMON SUPREME.** D. E. C. Size. 6 to 10 inches; stem. strong, cane-like and long; color, glistening salmon-orange, suffused pink; foliage, dark green, heavy; insect-resistant. Splendid cut-flower, as well for exhibition. Fine habit of growth, branching freely from lower laterals. Free-flowering. Tubers .....\$5.00





Tubers

**SCARLET WONDER** (F. C. Perkins), Dec. Scarlet and yellow, two toned petals tend to make this one of the most striking blooms; colors blending into a soft hue. Large blossoms and strong stems make this a very satisfactory flower for display purposes. Free bloomer .....\$5.00

**SANHICAN'S PEACH** (F. & M). A fluffy decorative of good size and great charm. It is exactly the shade of a ripe California peach with a real peach-cheek glow. Its attractiveness is further enhanced by the oddly twisted petals with staghorn tips. Rich dark green foliage, upright, straight stems and good habit of growth. A valuable addition to any real choice collection of Dahlias. Tubers .....\$3.00

**SNOWDRIFT** (Broomall). This is the best decorative white I have seen. A very deep built, immense flower, with broad, waxy pure white petals. The bloom opens quickly, remaining perfect for over a week. It never sunburns and when the last petal drops off, it is as white as when it first opened .....\$ .75

**SUSAN COE.** D. Pleasing shade of rose pink passing through a yellow center; suffused salmon..\$1.00

**THE BASHFUL GIANT** (Marean). Dec. This is without a doubt the largest Dahlia ever produced. The blooms are extra large and heavy, on very strong and stout stems, the beautiful color being an apricot with golden shadings. A good keeper. Wonderful exhibition and garden variety .....\$ .50

**THE LEXINGTON,** H. C. A beautiful blending of pink with lighter shade at pointed tip of petals; good bloomer on good stems; very much admired in our garden .....\$1.00

**THE SURPRISE,** D. We consider this Dahlia one of the best of J. J. Marshall's new creations. Its habits are fine, a free bloomer of large size, held erect on good stems. Its color is difficult to describe, but most attractive; a deep, rich wine color is a somewhat crude description. One of the best .....\$1.00

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Dear Sir:

I lost the largest part of my  
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Yours truly,

F. C. Perkins



**THE U. S. A. H. C.** This popular new orange-colored beauty is admired by all who have seen it. Very large size, with long, twisted incurved petals, making a very attractive flower .....\$1.00

**UNCLE SAM** (Meacham & Sherman). Peony. Immense flower of wonderful coloring. Orange buff at base of petals, shading to a bittersweet pink at tips, all overlaid with a beautiful golden sheen. Center petals mustard yellow, streaked with deep rose pink, and beautifully curled and twisted; reverse side of petals shaded spinel red. Blooms held erect above the foliage on stiff stems. A very attractive flower in the garden, and a grand exhibition variety .....\$ .75

**VIOLET SNOWMAN.** Dec. This is a deep rose pink blossom with fringed petals curling towards the center, colors shading to a pinkish lavender at the heart of the flower. This plant throws forth a large number of blooms on long stems, making a very handsome display .....\$3.00

**WALDHEIM SUNSHINE** Dec. A very large new bright yellow with light bronze shading. Perfect in form and stem. Bushes medium in height and very vigorous. Recovers remarkably from attacks of leaf hopper. Prolific. This variety is on the Roll of Honor, and deserves it.  
Tubers .....\$4.00

**WALK-OVER PRINCE, D.** We first saw this flower in 1927 in the Trial Gardens at Storrs, Conn., where it won a Certificate of Merit, scoring 86. Color, nopal red, each petal tipped picric yellow. A very sensational and striking flower, large and thick. Scored 89 at the Seattle Dahlia Trial Gardens, in Puyallup, Wash., the 2nd highest scoring Dahlia there. Stock limited .....\$4.00

**WATCHUNG PRINCE** (Smith). Dec. The largest and best yellow dahlia on the market. Can be grown to 12 inches in diameter. Free bloomer, strong grower, wonderful keeping qualities and unsurpassed for exhibition or garden purposes ..\$7.50

**WIZARD OF OZ** (Doolittle.) Dec. An immense blossom, which has won many prizes for the largest flower in the shows. The color is a pleasing shade of salmon rose shading to yellow. Stems were long and good in our garden, where it was an early and continuous bloomer .....\$ .75

**WM. SLOCOMBE.** Dec. Fine large flower well formed, of a beautiful shade of canary yellow, shading to a deep yellow towards the center. An exceptionally fine flower, carried on long stiff stems, well above the foliage. A wonderful all around variety .....\$ .75

**WORLD'S BEST WHITE** (Murphy). Dec. This wonderful large white Dahlia was introduced by Mr. Thomas J. Murphy of Peabody, Mass., who has produced a great many fine white varieties, but this one we consider the best of all. An extra large well formed flower of great substance and depth, on long stems which holds the flowers erect. Very free bloomer; plants extra strong. A grand exhibition and garden variety .....\$ .75

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